

Appl. No. 09/949,461  
Supplemental Amendment Dated 05/20/2004

REMARKS

This is a supplemental amendment to correct the listing of claims in the Preliminary Amendment filed on 07/11/2003.

No claim has been amended by this supplemental amendment. Claims 23-36 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-22, 46-63, 67-76, and 83-94 were previously cancelled without prejudice. Claims 120-133 have been added. Accordingly, claims 37-45, 64-66, 77-82, and 95-133 remain at issue in the patent application. Of those remaining at issue, claims 37, 38, 45, 64, 77, 114, and 120 are independent claims.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this supplemental amendment.

CLAIMS

Claims 22-36 were originally filed on February 12, 2001 in the parent patent application, U.S. Application No. 09/782,875. Claims 23-36 in this parent patent application were restricted to class II and not elected for prosecution therein.

Applicant intended to present claims 22-36 for examination but inadvertently left them out of the listing of claims in the preliminary amendment filed on 07/11/2003 with this divisional patent application.

In order to correct this oversight, Applicant herein has cancelled claims 22-36 and reinstated them as new claims 120-133, respectively.

Claims 22-36 were not cancelled for any reason related to patentability.

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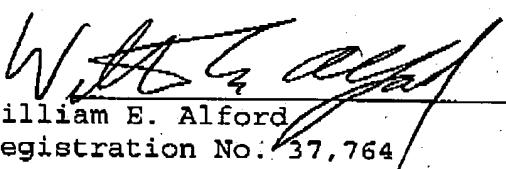
CONCLUSION

A first examination as to the merits of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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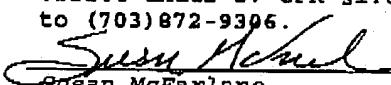
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